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Celebrate Mothers' Day, May 8 —

## It's the most important job in the world

By Linda Weber

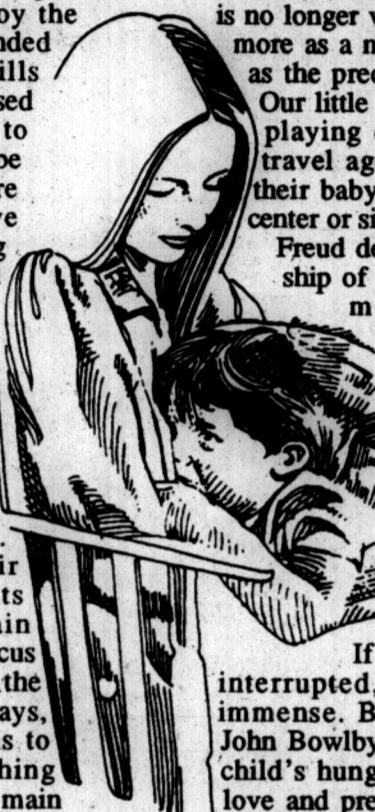
Over the years, it seems some of our common sense for mothering has been lost. Maybe it's because so many young mothers no longer enjoy the proximity of extended family, where skills and insight are passed from older moms to younger ones. Maybe it's because before we have kids, we think that knowing how to be a good mother and having the right answers just come naturally. But we soon learn better.

A lot is expected of moms today. Well-adjusted kids don't just happen. Developing their hearts and spirits must be the main thing, the central focus of our efforts. As the German proverb says, "The main thing is to make the main thing always remain the main thing."

Well-adjusted kids come from families in which mothering is seen as a complex, beautiful challenge worthy of everything Mom can give to it. Mothering shapes lives and attitudes, one way or another.

The truth is, motherhood can't be discounted.

Not so long ago, I received a letter from Kendall, a young friend who works in a day-care center. It



read: "Working here for the past three years has given me a stark view of where families, especially women, are headed. Motherhood is no longer valued, and it is seen more as a mark of prestige than as the precious gift it truly is. Our little girls are growing up playing office, banker, and travel agent while they take their baby dolls to a day-care center or sitter."

Freud describes the relationship of a young child to his mother as "unique, without parallel, established unalterably for a whole lifetime as the first and strongest love object and as the prototype of all later love relationships for both sexes."

If that relationship is interrupted, the impact is immense. British psychiatrist John Bowlby states, "The young child's hunger for his mother's love and presence is as great as his hunger for food. Her absence inevitably generates a powerful sense of loss and anger." Young children desperately need the emotional accessibility of a parent. That stability forms the foundation for all relationships to come.

Mom, you have a unique place in your child's life, and you will make a unique impact — one way or the other. Make it the best that's within your power to give.

### What does a mom do all day?

Being a mom is a job with a capital J. We work our fingers to the bone, push our nerves to the edge, and use every skill we have to accomplish the day's demands.

Just what does a mother do all day? Today's college student can't imagine. Numbers of women are baffled by what they'd do with "all that time" if they had to be home. Sometimes Mom herself can't remember.

### Well, what am I?

#### I'm the following:

- baby feeder, changer, bather, rocker, burper, hugger, and listener to crying and fussing and thousands of questions
- picker-upper of food and debris cast on the floor
- comforter, encourager, and counselor
- linguistic expert for two-year-old dialects
- listener — to the husband and the children — about their day, their needs, their concerns, their aspirations
- teacher of everything from how to chew food to how to drive a car
- assistant on school projects
- censor of TV, movies, and books
- reader of thousands of children's books
- planner and hostess of children's birthday parties
- planner and hostess of dinner parties
- central control for getting the appliance fixed or the carpet shampooed
- executioner of ants, roaches, wasps, and other pests

•resident historian in charge of photo albums, baby books, and school record books (at my house, I'm on book 50)

•resident encyclopedia source for all those hard questions  
•defroster of the freezer  
•food preservation expert  
•keeper and locator of birth certificates and other valuable documents  
•ironer of wrinkles

•appointment desk for the family's visits to the doctor, the dentist, the orthodontist, the barber, and the mechanic

•one who prays  
•cleaner of the oven, the drawers, the closets, the garage, the curtains, the windows, and even the walls  
•refinisher of furniture  
•emergency medical technician and "ambulance" driver  
•husby's romantic, attentive spouse

#### And what are some things I do?

- clip 10 fingernails and 10 toenails for each young child
- return library books
- get film developed
- choose gifts, purchase gifts, wrap gifts for birthdays, Christmas, Father's Day, Mother's Day, wedding showers, baby showers, and anniversaries

•mail packages, buy stamps  
•drop off the dry cleaning and pick up the dry cleaning  
•haul everything that needs repair

•attend recitals  
•attend every school sporting event imaginable  
•chauffeur everyone everywhere  
•comb little girl's hair  
•help in the classroom  
•attend school PTA meetings and conferences  
•act as a room mother, making things, and organizing parties  
•chaperon field trips and special events

•coordinate car pools  
•make bank deposits and withdrawals  
•deliver forgotten lunches, forgotten homework, and forgotten athletic gear  
•lead Scouts, Blue Birds, and Sunday School classes

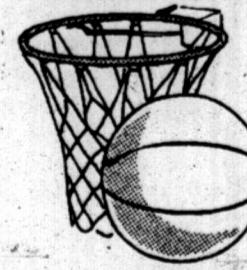
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## ABC expands religion news

Peggy Wehmeyer has been hired by ABC as the first full-time religion reporter in American network TV news. Wehmeyer, who covered Southern Baptist and other religious news for the ABC affiliate in Dallas prior to joining the network in January of this year, says she is a practicing Christian whose "faith means a lot to me." ABC anchor Peter Jennings helped push for the reporting slot, remarking that religion is "one of the great untapped areas in our national life." Wehmeyer says she wants TV news to move away from coverage of seamy televangelist scandals and extremist cults into stories that "capture the heart of spiritual life in this country." In a medium that demands dramatic visuals and flashy action, she knows finding those stories will be her biggest challenge. "I think the media has missed one of the biggest stories out there, and that's the role that spirituality and faith play in everybody's lives. Hiring somebody to cover it is a step in the right direction," she says.

## Athlete proud of virginity



Professional basketball star A.C. Green stands above the rest in a game of towering personalities. Green, 30, is a bachelor virgin and proud of it. He recently told *Charisma* magazine, "I'm reluctant to put myself on a pedestal, but I'm not ashamed to take a stand for Christ." Professional athletes in all sports face intense sexual temptation, Green said, and he admits abstinence takes willpower. "I hear the locker room talk about the latest sexual conquests, but I don't let that weaken my resolve to remain sexually pure. I have chosen to follow God's standard, and I've communicated my stand to my teammates," he said. Southern Baptists' hugely successful "True Love Waits" campaign continues to spread the same message of God-inspired sexual abstinence.

## Looking Back...

### 10 years ago

An early morning fire of undetermined origin on property adjacent to Bowmar Avenue Church in Vicksburg causes the education building and steeple to ignite, resulting in minor damage to the church's facilities.

### 20 years ago

The centennial graduating class of Blue Mountain College hears Owen Cooper, Yazoo City industrialist and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, challenge them to make a difference in the world through Christian service.

### 50 years ago

Attendance shoots up as much as 50% in Tupelo churches after Baptist laymen in the area get involved by adopting the slogan, "Fill every seat in every church every Sunday," and then set about the task of fulfilling that lofty goal.

# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

## Thy Word is eternal

Southern Baptists have always held a high view of the Scriptures. They are the inspired Word of God; holy men of old spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. It is not our purpose here to argue various passages but to set forth a conviction that we believe the Word.

Now things are taking place in churches and seminars which indicate a change is in the wind. The pendulum seldom remains stationary. The Bible is being discredited, altered, and strangely enough, the attacks are "religious," as if this would add validity.

Recently, 74 scholars calling themselves the "Jesus Seminar" passed along six years of their efforts to the press. According to these scholars, 82% of what Jesus said is not authentic, and the other 18% is suspect.

*Christianity Today* (April 25, 1994 issue) observes the purpose of the seminar was to make a splash in the media and drown "the dictatorial tactics of the Southern Baptist Convention and other fundamentalisms." Most Baptists accept the Bible as the "only sufficient, certain, and infal-

lible rule of all saving knowledge and obedience," (as stated in the Second London Confession and later in Southern Seminary's Abstract of Principles.)

Unfortunately we may have a few Baptists who do not believe the Bible to be authentic and we may have a few who are dictatorial. Neither is a real representation of true Southern Baptists, and it is regrettable the 74 scholars would characterize 15 million Baptists by such irresponsible statements.

On April 14 the Blue River-Kansas City (Missouri) Association met to hear a recommendation that Broadway Church be excluded from associational membership. This non-traditional church reportedly was "speaking in tongues, fostered acceptance of homosexuals, used feminine and masculine references to God, and a belief that no one will end up in hell" (*Missouri Word & Way*, April 14, 1994 issue). If this report is accurate (and they are still debating it), then Broadway has ceased to teach acceptable Baptist doctrines.

Broadway's pastor, Paul Smith, sounds like a disciple of Gerald

Mann. Mann's new book, *When One Day at a Time is Too Long*, is filled with similar teachings. Mann, one-time Southern Baptist, is now pastor of the Riverbend Church in Austin, Texas, and has a television ministry.

Mann says we have to rethink biblical passages on the origin of evil and its cure. Discount the first 11 chapters of Genesis — Mann's Bible begins with Chapter 12. Heaven is great, but forget hell; everyone will eventually end up in heaven, Mann says. Homosexuality and sexual sins can be negotiated so that God will be pleased. God seems to be a good warm fuzzy feeling who may slap a wrist occasionally, but fear not — basically he will accommodate you.

The swinging pendulum makes a lot of noise, but extremism entertains but for the moment. To this editor, the Bible is completely dependable. We come to know God through Jesus Christ. Man's nature is changed and as a new creation, he desires to serve God. This happens when a person is saved and God confirms it every day.

### At Nixon's funeral...

## Graham has largest-ever live audience

By Art Toalston

**YORBA LINDA, Calif. (BP)** — In death, former President Richard Nixon gave evangelist Billy Graham his largest-ever live preaching audience.

In just the United States, according to the Nielsen ratings, more than 40 million people — and perhaps as many as 49 million — tuned in ABC, NBC, and CBS for Nixon's April 27 funeral officiated by Graham.

Not counted nationally and internationally are additional millions who watched the funeral — and Graham's proclamation of the gospel — on PBS, CNN, other cable outlets or overseas TV networks, or listened on radio.

Graham, a longtime friend of the Nixon family, asserted Nixon now is in heaven.

Nixon's wife Pat "went to heaven" after her death last year, Graham said, later affirming, "I believe that Richard Nixon right now is with Pat again, because I believe that in heaven we will know each other."

Graham also said, "There is hope beyond the grave, because Jesus Christ has opened the door to heaven for us by his death and resurrection. Richard Nixon had that hope, and today that can be our

hope as well."

Beyond his references to Nixon, however, Graham spoke as if addressing one of his stadium-packed evangelistic crusades.

"John Donne once said that there is democracy about death: 'It comes equally to us all and makes us all equal when it comes,'" said Graham, who also officiated at President Lyndon Johnson's 1973 funeral.

"I think every one of us ought to be thinking about our own time to die," Graham continued, "because we too are going to die and we are going to have to face Almighty God with the life that we lived here."

"There comes a time when we have to realize that life is short, and in the end the only thing that really counts is not how others see us, but how God sees us and what the record books of heaven have to say."

"For the believer who has been to the cross, death is no frightful leap into the dark but is an entrance into a glorious new life," Graham said.

He quoted the apostle Paul's words in Philippians 1:21 in the Bible: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

"There's a gaining about death," Graham said. "For the believer, the brutal fact of death has been conquered by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

"For the person who has turned from sin and has received Christ as Lord and Savior, death is not the end. For the believer there is hope beyond the grave. There is a future life."

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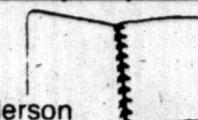
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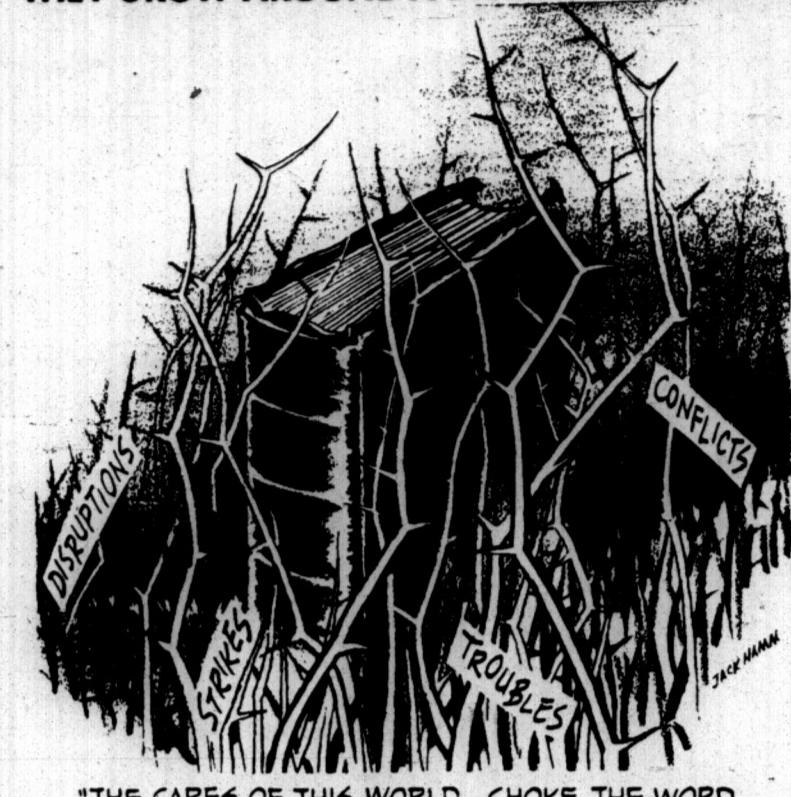
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Guy Henderson



### THEY GROW AROUND A DISREGARDED BIBLE



"THE CARES OF THIS WORLD...CHOKE THE WORD, AND IT BECOMETH UNFRUITFUL" — MARK 4:19

### THE FRAGMENTS

## Bethlehem's water



Some 60 miles southeast of the state capitol is the replica of my grandfather's well. It was moved and carefully rebuilt to specifications. Originally it was located near the barn and was used to water the stock.

There was a second well near the house. It was about 40 feet deep and eight inches in diameter. The well-bucket was long... about 30 inches long and six inches in diameter.

When it was new there was a valve release stem at the top which was pulled to release the water from the bottom of the bucket. This was much too slow, so the "hewers of wood and drawers of water" would simply reach to the bottom of the bucket and press the said valve upward. Moreover, the cool water felt good on a hot hand.

My children and grandchildren gawk at the well every time they visit the cabin: "I just can't believe you let the water run over your dirty hand and then drank the water."

I tried to explain that we used a gourd dipper which purified the water. Admittedly, snuff-dippers messed things up exceedingly, but a good green gourd would remedy that. I looked at it again the other day. The windlass had been long unturned and wasps had built a nest in it. The rope was faded and frayed and the bucket squeaked with the wind.

David once lamented, "O that one would give me a drink of water of the well at Bethlehem" (2 Sam. 23:15). Somehow, I sympathized with him. The well is no more. The taste remains forever. — GH

## 6 Agencies cancel Hunger Convocation

**NASHVILLE — (BP)** The six Southern Baptist agencies planning a national hunger convocation at Ridgecrest Conference Center in May have decided to cancel the event due to lack of registrations.

Despite the distribution of more than 100,000 brochures announcing the event, it failed to draw the necessary numbers to make the event possible, said C. Ben Mitchell, ad hoc chair of the planning committee and a staff member of the SBC Christian Life Commission.

"We've done more advertising for this than for any of the Christian Life Commission's annual seminars, and we drew a smaller number than any of us on the planning committee could have imagined," he said. "We had less than a dozen paid registrants."

Sponsoring the event were the Baptist Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission, Christian Life Commission, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, and Woman's Missionary Union.

The cancellation comes at a

time when top FMB leaders have voiced alarm at figures showing Southern Baptist giving for overseas hunger and disaster relief slid last year. In 1993 receipts dipped by 13% from 1992; 1993 giving finished at \$6.6 million, down from \$7.6 million the year before. And through March 1994 receipts show a 26% decline from the same period of 1993. If the giving pattern persists, the board would collect \$4.9 million in human needs offerings this year. It would be the lowest figure since 1981's \$4.8 million.

# Conservative leaders gather in Atlanta for damage control

By Greg Warner

ATLANTA (ABP) — Top leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention's conservative movement, including four former SBC presidents, held a private meeting in Atlanta April 21 apparently aimed at damage control.

Although few of the participants would talk about the meeting afterward, they were overheard discussing the SBC presidential candidacy of Jim Henry and turmoil at Southwestern Seminary — two events some fear threaten to destabilize conservative control in the Southern Baptist Convention.

At least 15 leaders of the con-

servative movement were seen leaving the meeting at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel downtown, including former presidents Adrian Rogers of Memphis, Tenn., who presided at the six-hour meeting, Charles Stanley and Bailey Smith of Atlanta, and Jerry Vines of Jacksonville, Fla.

Also at the meeting were Paige Patterson and Paul Pressler, credited with spearheading the movement that brought conservatives to power in 1979. Patterson now is president of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. Pressler is a retired judge in Houston.

Others included Dallas pastors

O. S. Hawkins and Jack Graham. Three Georgia pastors participated — Ike Reighard of Fayetteville, who is the current president of the SBC Pastors' Conference; James Merritt of Snellville, an officer of the SBC Executive Committee; and Richard Lee of Atlanta, former Pastor's Conference president. Also participating was Ronnie Floyd, of Springdale, Ark., an Executive Committee leader.

Reighard, who made arrangements for the meeting, said "a few more" attended, but he declined to name them.

Bailey Smith likewise declined to reveal details. "Indeed, there

was a meeting, but we agreed not to talk about it," he said. Smith said it was the first meeting of the top leaders in "three or four years."

"We were talking about some of the issues that are out there," offered Reighard. Those issues included Henry's candidacy and fallout from the March 9 firing of Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Seminary, Reighard acknowledged. But "three or four other topics" also were discussed, he said.

"There is some disappointment because Jim (Henry) announced after Fred (Wolfe) did," explained Smith, an Atlanta evangelist and SBC president in 1981-82.

The Southwestern firing, which unleashed a barrage of protest from the pews, poses a serious threat to the conservative movement, said Smith. "Anybody who is not (convinced of that) has got their head in the sand," he said.

Smith said sympathy for Dilday and Southwestern likely will translate into votes for Henry, pastor of First Church, Orlando, Fla., host city to the June SBC meeting. But Smith added, "I don't think the presidential election will be decided by that."

Although Henry is himself a conservative who endorsed the "conservative resurgence" in 1990, he represents a growing sentiment among less strident conservatives that the movement's leaders have held the reins too tightly

and at times operated too heavily-handedly.

Although SBC leaders don't doubt Henry's conservative credentials, some fear he will open the door too widely to moderate Baptists, who have been all but pushed out of convention life. "Among some there is the concern that he would appoint the wrong people," Smith said.

The attempt to close ranks has not produced consensus on the presidential election, however. Jack Graham, another of the young leaders who attended, has said he is willing to nominate Henry. That move has put him in conflict with some hard-line conservatives, and his friends say he is being pressured to back down.

Graham also issued a statement in March condemning the Dilday firing, which he said "only fuels the persuasion that fundamental-conservatives are unloving and mean-spirited." He promised to gather conservatives in the next few months to draft "a fresh agenda for the future."

Graham's role was discussed during the Atlanta meeting, participants said. If an attempt was made to talk him out of nominating Henry, it apparently was not successful. Participants initially considered making an announcement saying, in effect, "May the best man win," but eventually decided not to issue any statement.

Warner is editor of Associated Baptist Press.

## Key appointments made for SBC Orlando meeting

### Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee is composed of 10 members, three of whom must be members of the SBC Executive Committee. The committee, according to Bylaw 21, has the "duty... to prepare and submit to the convention resolutions which the committee deems appropriate for adoption and to report on all matters submitted to it by the convention, with or without recommendation or amendments."

The bylaw also asks that proposed resolutions be sent to the committee 30 days before the annual meeting.

Young named Tommy D. Lea, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, as the committee chairman.

Executive Committee members are David Hanks, Trinity Church, Lake Charles, La.; Forrest Lowry, Spring Church, Spring, Texas; and Anthony L. Jordan, North West Church, Oklahoma City.

Other members are David Dockery, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; D.L. Lowrie, First Church, Lubbock, Texas; Harold Killian, Greenville, S.C.; James R. Deloach, Fair Hope, Ala.; Timothy George, Beeson Divinity School at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; and Danny Akin, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

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FORT WORTH (BP) — The Foreign Mission Board pushed its missionary force past the 4,000 mark for the first time and responded to a nationally publicized document on Catholic-evangelical relations at the trustees' April 25-27 meeting in Fort Worth.

Trustees also elected new officers, reorganized their structure to match recent staff reorganization, expressed appreciation for a departing staff member, and heard reports of overseas statistical growth "beyond all expectations."

The record missionary total — a milestone en route to a goal of 5,000 missionaries by the year 2000 — came April 26 as trustees appointed 33 missionaries before a Texas Baptist crowd of 6,850 at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

Trustees also voted unanimously to express concern that a joint statement a group of evangelical and Roman Catholic leaders released March 29 "is subject to interpretations harmful to the work of foreign missions."

The historic document — "Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium" — calls for reduced conflicts between evangelicals and Catholics, avoidance of proselytizing or "sheep stealing" each other's converts, and more cooperation on commonly held convictions on social issues.

The trustee statement affirmed "missionary witness among populations and individuals characterized by nominal or former allegiance to any Christian denomination." It rejected "any suggestion that such witness should be char-



acterized as 'sheep stealing,' proselytizing, or a wasteful use of resources."

But the trustees also affirmed the Foreign Mission Board's "commitment to the Lordship of Christ and our fellowship with all who share a personal faith relationship with him." It affirmed "commitment to the authority and trustworthiness of the Bible" and pledged to conduct mission work in accordance with scriptural teaching.

Leon Hyatt of Pineville, La., retired church extension director for Louisiana Baptists, was elected trustee chairman in a 57-22 vote over Hoyt Savage, a pastor from Las Vegas. Hyatt, who had served as first vice chairman, succeeds John Jackson, a pastor from California, who received a standing ovation from trustees for his two years as chairman.

William V. and Peggy Hart were among 32 people named missionaries by the board on April 26.

The Harts will live in Yemen, where he will work as an English-language pastor to the staff and professional community at the Jibla Baptist Hospital and they will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Since 1989 he has been pastor

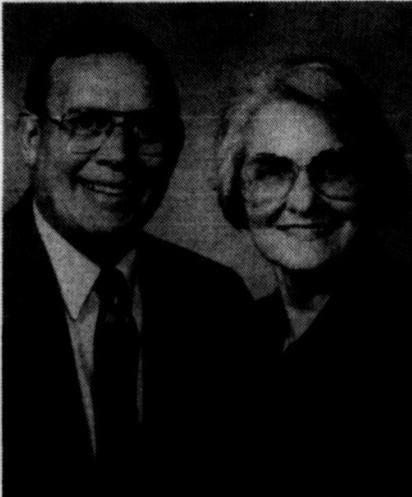
of First Church, Konawa, Okla.

Born in Hattiesburg, Hart is the son of Gerda Hart of Petal, and the late John Hart. While growing up he also lived in Petal and Brookhaven. He considers First Church, Petal, his home church.

He received the bachelor of arts degree from Louisiana College, Pineville, and the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Also born in Hattiesburg, Mrs. Hart, the former Peggy Simmons, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Simmons of Petal. While growing up she also lived in Petal. She considers Petal her hometown and 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, her home church.

She received the bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg; the master of nursing degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson; and the doctor of philosophy degree in nursing from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas.



William V. and Peggy Hart

# Committee on Nominations releases list of SBC nominees

**NASHVILLE (BP)** — The 1994 Committee on Nominations has announced its list of nominees to serve on the various boards, seminaries, commissions, and other entities of the Southern Baptist Convention. Messengers to the SBC annual meeting June 14-16 in the Orange County Convention/Civic Center in Orlando, Fla., must approve the committee's report in order for nominees to serve. Following is the list of nominees.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(80 members): 17 nominations considered; 6 new members; 11 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Joe R. Blackston, layman and member of Northside Church, Jasper, Ala., replacing William D. Powell III, Birmingham, Ala.; Harry W. Lewis, pastor of Immanuel Church, Ridgecrest, Calif., replacing James M. Morton Jr., Grass Valley, Calif.; Joseph K. Bowman, pastor of First Church, Canton, Ga., replacing William F. Harrell, Martinez, Ga.; James D. Rivers, associate pastor of First Church, Moss Bluff, Lake Charles, La., replacing David E. Hankins, Lake Charles, La.; Claude Thomas, pastor of First Church, Euless, Texas, replacing Gordon C. Graham, New Braunfels, Texas; Robert Record, senior pastor of First Church, Norfolk, Va., replacing Scott C. Humphrey, Alexandria, Va.

Nominated for second terms are Jerry L. Spencer, Dothan, Ala.; Walter E. Davidson, Anchorage, Alaska; William R. Elliff, Little Rock, Ark.; Ronnie Floyd, Springdale, Ark.; Lee Roberts, Marietta, Ga.; Larry K. Otis, Tupelo, Miss.; Steve Choplin, Franklinton, N.C.; James Lee Oliver, Roebuck, S.C.; Robert L. Sorrell; Cordova, Tenn.; Joe H. Reynolds, Houston; Andy Hornbaker Sr., Salt Lake City.

#### FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

(91 members): 23 nominations considered; 8 new members; 15 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Joe W. Atchison, director of missions and member of First Church, Rogers, Ark., replacing Jack J. Bledsoe, Fordyce, Ark.; Milton F. Steck, pastor of Trinity Church, Vacaville, Calif., replacing Ron E. Wilson, Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Tim Lochere, layman and member of Sheridan Hills Church, Hollywood, Fla., replacing John P. Greene, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Timothy A. McCoy, senior pastor of Ingleside Church, Macon, Ga., replacing A. Ben Hatfield, Alpharetta, Ga.; Sara Preston, layperson and member of Emmanuel Church, Farmington, N.M., replacing Charles A. Fink, Las Cruces, N.M.

Also nominated for terms expiring in 1998: R. Alan Day, pastor of First Church, Edmond, Okla., replacing Sam Cathey, Oklahoma City, who declined to serve a second term; Curt Dodd, pastor of Metropolitan Church, Houston, replacing Joel Gregory, Dallas, who resigned.

Emil W. Turner, pastor of First Church, Lake Charles, La., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing L.H. McCollough, Bastrop, La., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Ronnie Marshall, Eufaula, Ala.; Roy Scarborough, Augusta, Ga.; Billy J. Beckett, Columbus, Miss.; Hoyt A. Savage, Las Vegas, Nev.; Adrian Burk, Northboro, Mass.; Kenneth W. Ridings, Asheville, N.C.; John Allen Hays, Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Virginia D. Brant, Spartanburg, S.C.; William M. Blanchard Jr., Soddy Daisy, Tenn.; Patrick W.

Bullock Sr., Corpus Christi, Texas; Omar H. Pachecano, El Paso, Texas; Terry J. Horton, Euless, Texas; Ethel H. Sullivan, Woodstock, Va.; Franklin D. Hall, Yorktown, Va.; Eloise Bryant, Portsmouth, Va.

#### HOME MISSION BOARD

(90 members): 21 nominations considered; 7 new members; 14 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Mickie Page, layperson and member of South Highland Church, Little Rock, Ark., replacing Rex Holt Jr., Jonesboro, Ark.; B.H. Haile, dentist and member of Hillcrest Church, Hopkinsville, Ky., replacing Linda S. Principe, Bradenburg, Ky.; Jim Spencer, pastor of Kingsville Church, Pineville, La., replacing Jerry N. Barlow, Franklinton, La.; Max L. Loper, CPA and member of First Church, Philadelphia, Miss., replacing Liston L. Morris, Columbia, Miss.; Wendell C. Lang, senior pastor of First Church, Pryor, Okla., replacing Brad Allen, Duncan, Okla.; John A. Brady Sr., pastor of Woodforest Church, Houston, replacing Llwlyn Walker, Lubbock, Texas.

Randall L. Stoner, pastor of Wayside Church, Alexander City, Ala., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996 replacing Thomas "Thom" S. Rainer, Birmingham, Ala., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Harold Kenneth Cheek, Northport, Ala.; Melva June Tate, Fountain Valley, Calif.; Jo Ann Britton, Temple Hills, Md.; Harold C. Epperson Sr., Kissimmee, Fla.; Cloma D. Odom, Warner Robins, Ga.; Emma P. Day, Elizabethtown, Ky.; K. Wayne Pollard, Glen Alpine, N.C.; Charles Rhodes, Youngstown, Ohio; Troy M. Gregg, Chesnee, S.C.; Guy M. Milam, Maryville, Tenn.; Manuel A. Galindo, Harlingen, Texas; J. Walter Carpenter, Houston; Bass Redd, LaPorte, Texas; Karl K. Dietz, Corpus Christi, Texas.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

(93 members): 23 nominations considered; 7 new members; 16 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: N.B. Langford Jr., pastor of First Church, Panama City, Fla., replacing Bobby H. Welch, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Robert V. Adams, minister of education/administration of Pray's Mill Church, Douglasville, Ga., replacing Rick A. Forrester, Tucker, Ga.; Ronald K. Edwards, attorney and member of Hampton Heights Church, Greenville, S.C., replacing Daniel A. Collins, Taylors, S.C.; D.L. Lowrie, senior pastor of First Church, Lubbock, Texas, replacing Charlene Sloter, Pharr, Texas.

Also nominated for terms expiring in 1998: Cliff Palmer, president of Church Growth Concepts and member of Immanuel Church, Rogers, Ark., replacing Nathaniel "Sonny" Simpson, Little Rock, Ark., who resigned; Gus Merritt, pastor of Clarke-Venable Church, Decatur, Miss., replacing Ken Alford, Clinton, Miss., who resigned; Alva G. Parks, executive vice president of Dallas Baptist University and member of Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, replacing William "Bill" L. Bennett, Houston, who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Timothy George, Birmingham, Ala.; Walter Sparks, Riverside, Calif.; Roger Williams, Annville, Ky.; Jack L. Kreider, Alexandria, La.; Frank Zamora, Las Cruces, N.M.; Robert M. Tenney, Morgantown, N.C.; Ben Smith, Norwood, Ohio; W.C. "Nick" Garland, Broken Arrow, Okla.; Lonnie J. Clayton, Delran, N.J.; Robert C. Pitman, Cordova, Tenn.; Sharon Morris, Houston; Joshua Grijalva, San Antonio, Texas; James H.

Moore, Arlington, Texas; Randall James Myers, White Bird, Idaho; Bruce Robinson, Knoxville, Tenn.; Jerry Sutton, Nashville.

#### ANNUITY BOARD

(53 members): 14 nominations considered; 8 new members; 6 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: James M. Cagle, pastor of Highlands Church, Huntsville, Ala., replacing John A. Caddell, Montgomery, Ala.; W. Mark Tolbert, pastor of Wynne Church, Wynne, Ark., replacing William A. Willis, Little Rock, Ark.; O. Gregory Ricks, president/owner of Ricks Construction Co. and member of Calvary Temple, Savannah, Ga., replacing William G. Beshears, McDonough, Ga.; Gary C. Glanville, senior pastor of Northwest Church, Reisterstown, Md., replacing Daniel R. Taylor, Baltimore, Md.; Timothy E. Head, pastor of Cooper River Church, North Charleston, S.C., replacing Patrick L. Baughman Sr., Hilton Head, S.C.

Also nominated for terms expiring in 1998: Wayne M. Rodgers, layman and member of First Church, Collierville, Tenn., replacing G.R. Rush, Chattanooga, Tenn., who declined to serve a second term.

Alton L. Fannin, pastor of First Church, Ardmore, Okla., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Paul Carter, Tool, Texas, who moved out of state; Mark S. Hearn, pastor of Grace Church, Evansville, Ind., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1995 replacing James D. Dwiggins, Evansville, Ind., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Richard E. Dwyer, Lomita, Calif.; Michael L. Rochelle, Las Vegas, Nev.; Luis E. Nieto, Manhattan, N.Y.; Thomas A. Shaw, Tulsa, Okla.; Herman J. Smith, Fort Worth, Texas; Owen H. Goff, Irving, Texas.

#### SOUTHERN SEMINARY

(64 members): 14 nominations; 6 new members; 8 renominations. (Under convention bylaws, seminary trustees serve five-year terms and are eligible to serve two consecutive terms.)

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Scott J. Teutsch, pastor of Eastwood Church, Haughton, La., replacing O. Max Lee, Winnsboro, La.; Kevin W. Westbrook, layman and member of Bellevue Church, Cordova, Tenn., replacing Stephen W. Anderson, Memphis, Tenn.; James B. Hyman, obstetrician/gynecologist and member of Bashford Manor Church, Louisville, Ky., replacing John R. Michael, Louisville, Ky.

Also nominated for terms expiring in 1999: John D. Pennington, pastor of First Church, Douglasville, Ga., replacing Jerry Mahan, Cedartown, Ga., who resigned; Richard L. Holcombe, pastor of Mid-Rivers Church, Saint Charles, Mo., replacing George Steincross, Liberty, Mo., who resigned; Stephen D.C. Corts, pastor of Citadel Square Church, Charleston, S.C., replacing W. Horace Benjamin, Charleston, S.C., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Robert C. Foster, Berryville, Ark.; Morris W. Denman Jr., Lynn Haven, Fla.; Michael E. Harris, Elizabethtown, Ky.; Kenneth P. Cademarri, Baltimore; Steve Hogg, Rock Hill, S.C.; Fred B. Caffey, Martinsville, Va.; A. Stanley Willett II, Louisville, Ky.; Jerry A. Johnson, Aurora, Colo.

#### SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

(40 members): 10 nominations considered; 3 new members; 7 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Stephen M. Cloud, pastor of Northside Church, West Columbia, S.C., replacing William H. Hightower, Charleston, S.C..

Ronnie H. Yarber, pastor of Gross Road Church, Mesquite, Texas, will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Jack L. Price, Garland, Texas, who resigned; Edward A. Saucier, pastor of Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, Ark., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996 replacing C.A. Johnson, Paragould, Ark., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Gerald E. Dacus, Bakersfield, Calif.; Michael D. Marshall, Temple Hills, Md.; Craig Atherton, Wichita, Kan.; Charles A. Lawson II, Linthicum, Md.; Charles R. Lord, Delair, N.J.; David L. Allen, Dallas; Laura Lee Cogswell, Sherman, Texas.

#### NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY

(40 members): 9 nominations considered; 3 new members; 6 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: D. Glenn Simmons, pastor of Southside Church, Tempe, Ariz., replacing George F. Webb, Mesa, Ariz.; Ronald E. Pace, pastor of Hillcrest Church, Country Club Hills, Ill., replacing Charles R. Dampeer, Fairfield, Ill.

John R. James, layman and member of First Church, Bothell, Wash., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1998 replacing Richard J. "Rick" Meigs, Portland, Ore., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Don Taylor, Alameda, Calif.; Ricky T. Brantley Sr., Macon, Ga.; Troy Lee Massey Sr., New Providence, Pa.; Morris L. Anderson, Maryville, Tenn.; Patrick Charles Pfriem, Greenville, Miss.; William M. Hamm, Shreveport, La.

#### SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY

(30 members): 6 nominations considered; 2 new members; 4 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Kent Humphreys, CEO of General Merchandise Distributor and member of Cherokee Hills Church, Oklahoma City; replacing William O. Key, Augusta, Ga.; Sandra G. Page, layperson and member of First Church, Charlotte, N.C., replacing Eddie L. Sellers, Morganton, N.C.

Nominated for second terms are Hayward R. Casey, Cromwell, Ky.; William D. Bowyer, St. Louis; Calvin T. Partain, Belen, N.M.; Arthur W. Madill, Mt. Airy, N.C.

#### MIDWESTERN SEMINARY

(35 members): 7 nominations considered; 3 new members; 4 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Walter G. Smith, layman and member of Fellowship Church, Clio, Mich., replacing James W. Jones, Clarkston, Mich.; Wesley B. Anderson, layman and member of Pines Church, Spokane, Wash., replacing C. Eugene Dempsey, Orofino, Idaho.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1999 is Gary D. Manford, layman and member of Cornerstone Church, Lawrence, Kan., replacing Don Gann, Ozark, Mo., who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for second terms are E. Lewis Adkinson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Robert A. Lilly, Baltimore; Dean Shields, Seward, Pa.; Elaine Hardy, Stilwell, Kan.

#### GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY

(39 members): 7 nominations consid-

ered; 5 new members; 2 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Kelly D. Green, evangelist and member of Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala., replacing Calvin Kelly, Birmingham, Ala.; Lester M. Maples, consulting engineer and member of First Church, Deer Point Lake, Panama City, Fla., replacing Sandra S. Casteel, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; David Y. Gill, pastor of Concord Korean Church, Martinez, Calif., replacing Herman E. Wooten, Sacramento, Calif.; Rolando A. Raganas, pastor of United Church, Carson, Calif., replacing Robert D. Lewis, Fairfield, Calif.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1999 is Bobby J. Swift, dean of continuing education at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College and member of Liberty Church, Hickory, Ky., replacing Gayle Butler, Louisville, Ky., who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for second terms are Frederick T. Corbin, Barton, N.C.; R. Harold Dove, Princeton, W.Va.

#### SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION

(35 members): 11 nominations considered; 4 new members; 7 renominations.

Replacing members ineligible for re-election are: Robert Reed Lynn, Shawnee, Okla., representing the Foreign Mission Board, term expiring in 1997, replacing A.B. Hatfield, Alpharetta, Ga.; Roy T. Myers, Meadville, Miss., representing the Historical Commission, term expiring in 1996, replacing Kathleen G. Clements, Baton Rouge, La.; Richard G. Hicks, Fayetteville, N.C., representing the Stewardship Commission, term expiring in 1997, replacing Robert L. Ross, Oklahoma City.

Hoffman C. Harless, Nashville, representing the American Baptist Seminary Commission, term expiring in 1996, replacing O. William Long, Nashville, who resigned.

Members being renominated for terms expiring in 1998 are William H. Hamm, Shreveport, La.; O. Ray Finch, Wetumpka, Okla.

At-large members being renominated for second terms expiring in 1997 are Hugh M. Sloan, Franklin, Tenn.; M. Terry Turner, Brentwood, Tenn.; John Gordon Blackman Jr., Nashville; Frank Ingraham, Franklin, Tenn.; Roy L. DePue, Hendersonville, Tenn.

#### AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY

(16 members): 7 nominations considered; 6 new members; 1 renomination.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: John E. King Jr., Birmingham Baptist Association and member of Sixth Avenue Church, Birmingham, Ala., replacing Milton W. Boyd, Shreveport, La.; Frank D. Garley Jr., pastor of Harrison Avenue Church, Harrison, Ohio, replacing Wendell H. Rone Sr., Owensboro, Ky.; Delmar G. Morris, pastor of Calvary Church, Seymour, Ind., replacing Edsel L. West, Harriman, Tenn.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1998 is Gerald L. Hodges, pastor of South Fulton Church, South Fulton, Tenn., replacing Wayne Bayles, Jackson, Tenn., who declined to serve a second term.

Charles E. Cloyd, associate professor at Mid-Continent College and member of Hickory Church, Hickory, Ky., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1995 replacing Alsie Banks, Zachary, La., who resigned; Richard D. Keller, layman and member of First Church, Franklin, Tenn., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996, replacing Robert D. Lewis, Fairfield, Calif.

(See SBC on page 9)

# Prayer conferences slated for Grenada, Hattiesburg

Identical prayer conferences are scheduled for later this month in Grenada and Hattiesburg. However, deadline for making reservations for lunch during the conferences is the same: May 18.

The conferences are May 24 at Emmanuel Church, Grenada, and May 26, First Church, Hattiesburg. Both begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. The events are sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Prayer Ministry Office.

Each conference will open with the interpretation of the theme, "Prayer: a possession, a presence, a power, a participation." Interpreters include Bill Causey, executive director of the MBCB; Tom Thurman, missionary to Bangladesh; Bob Simmons, retired Leavell



Causey



Patterson



Leavell

New Orleans Seminary missiology professor; and Douglas Beggs, vice president of office of program services, Brotherhood Commission, SBC.

Before and after lunch, participants will choose three selective conferences from a list of seven. Titles, with leaders, include: How to have a church prayer ministry, Beggs; How to use a Bible in prayer time, Simmons; How to enjoy being a part of your church's prayer opportunities, Lois Henderson, Clinton; How to be a part of the denomination's prayer opportunities, Marjean Patterson, MBMC; How to maintain personal prayer time, Mary Simmons, Meridian; How to pray for missionaries, Gloria Thurman, Bangladesh; and How to pray for G. Thurman



Thurman



Henderson



M. Simmons

nationals with whom missionaries work, Tom Thurman.

The afternoon will conclude with a presentation by the Thurmans on the role prayer plays in the Christian's obedience to the Great Commission.

Lisa Leavell of Madison and Mary Simmons will lead in worship through music. Leavell also will highlight the luncheon hour.

To register for the luncheon, send \$5 per person, along with name, church, association, phone number, and conference location, to Prayer Ministry Office, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Make checks payable to Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

For more information, call Wilda Fancher at (601) 968-3800, ext. 3904.



Beggs



Fancher



Thurman



**MARKED FOR DEATH?** — Rwandan Baptist leader Eleazar Ziharambere, seen in a 1989 file photo, is one of many Christian friends who Southern Baptist missionaries fear for in bloody Rwanda. An outspoken critic of the rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front (the Tutsi army now taking control of the Rwandan capital, Kigali), he also was a close friend of the late Rwandan president, Juvenal Habyarimana, whose death in a suspicious plane crash sparked the current bloodletting. (BP photo by Craig Bird)

## Brotherhood trustees approve adult division reorganization

MEMPHIS (BP) — Trustees of the Brotherhood Commission approved the creation of two new departments from the agency's adult division and endorsed related shifts of personnel at their April 22-23 meeting.

"We are confident that this structure will provide for wise stewardship of our resources and keep the focus on new, cutting-edge opportunities with and for adults," said James D. Williams, commission president.

The new "Men's Ministries" department will be responsible for "gender-specific" missions programs and supporting materials, including the existing *Missions Today* magazine and the new areas of men's ministries and male development issues.

Jim Burton, 38, who came to the Brotherhood Commission in 1986 as editor of *Missions Today* and other Baptist Men's curriculum and most recently served also as acting adult division director, was named as the director for men's ministries.

Meanwhile, the new "Adults in Missions" department will manage programs and materials related to adult coed missions, including the National Fellowship of Baptists in Missions (NFBM), disaster relief, church renewal, world missions conferences, and a new missions option, "Families Making A Difference."

Kenny Rains, 40, will direct

Adults in Missions. Rains joined the Brotherhood Commission in 1985 as director of High School Baptist Young Men and Pioneer Royal Ambassadors. He has served as director of Brotherhood administration and world missions conferences since 1989.

The trustees also adopted a \$4.7 million budget for 1994-95 that Williams described as "austere and realistic." It represents a 3% decrease from 1992-93 and reflects a 1.65% reduction in Cooperative Program funding.

"Southern Baptist Convention agencies are continuing to receive less from the Cooperative Program," Williams explained. "We (SBC agencies) all are receiving the same percentage decrease this year. As we move into future years, we will have to earn our keep."

He noted "two years ago we received 25% of our budget from the Cooperative Program. We now receive 21%."

The budget reduction will result in a salary freeze for employees, a 15% decrease in travel budgets, and, according to Jack Childs, vice president of support services, "a budget \$186,000 less than requested by the staff."

The trustees also voted to appoint an Agency Name and Purpose Statement Study Committee to report on the possibility of a name change for the

Brotherhood Commission. A preliminary draft of the committee's research results will be presented to the trustees for review in April 1995.

The committee will consist of trustees Robert Humber of Alabama and Keith Corrck of Maryland/Delaware; three state convention Brotherhood directors; and Russell Griffin, Tim Norton, and Mike Day of the Brotherhood Commission staff. Ex officio members will be President James D. Williams and trustee chairman Robert Hill of Mississippi.

In other action, trustees:

— approved the establishment of an employee incentive bonus plan based on the agency exceeding its proposed income for the 1994-95 budget year. The one-time bonus would not affect the salary structure.

— received information on the agency's new partnership with the Foreign Mission Board to enlist volunteers for construction projects in Japan.

— reviewed final plans for Challengers, the new missions education program for young men in grades seven through 12, and EZRA, a new leadership method for Royal Ambassadors, both of which will begin Oct. 1.

— honored retiring trustees Willard C. Finch of North Carolina, C. Frazier Landrum of Mississippi, and Comer T. Williamson of Georgia.

## Rwandan Baptist leader asks for prayer, protest

WASHINGTON (BP) — "Please ask people to pray but also ask Baptists to protest to the Belgian government their help for the rebels in Rwanda."

This is the desperate cry of Eleazar Ziharambere, general secretary of the Rwanda Baptist Convention and regional secretary for Africa of the Baptist World Alliance.

Speaking to the Baptist World Alliance by phone from a neighboring country where he and his four children have taken refuge, Ziharambere said he believes the Belgian government can appeal to the rebels to stop the killing.

"This is tribalism at its worst," he said, citing a mind-set of "If you are not of our tribe you are the enemy."

"Those who are killing each other today were sisters and brothers yesterday," he said.

A tired-sounding Ziharambere said, "I don't know whether I am alive or not. I went through the fire and I don't know how I escaped."

Ziharambere said at the time of the fighting he and a number of pastors were meeting in Butare and he believes protection by the Rwandan military is the only reason why they are still alive. (His wife was studying in London at the time.)

Because of his friendship with

the country's late president, Juvenal Habyarimana, Ziharambere said he believes he was a target to be killed.

"We as Baptists have taken a stand to protect one another," Ziharambere said. In Butare, he noted, "I am proud to say that... there was no violence where the Baptist Union (churches are) located. But all of the other communities around the Baptists have been involved in the fighting."

Before he fled, Ziharambere said he also got special permission to hold services in Butare. At that time he preached for peace and reconciliation.

"These are my people," Ziharambere cried. "I want to be as close to them as I can. I don't know what the Baptist World Alliance can do now but to pray. But I want to get back to my people just as soon as I can because I left our Baptist brothers and sisters not in good condition."

Ziharambere also reported some fighting has begun in Burundi where the Tutsi rebel troops have sent soldiers to Bujumbura in Burundi where a majority of Hutus live. "Already people are being killed," he said, "many people are being killed."

Once things cool down, Ziharambere said his country will need a lot of relief from the international community.

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**GRAHAM, COLSON PRAISE NIXON FOR FOREIGN POLICY, FAMILY LIFE:** WASHINGTON (BP) — Evangelical Christian leaders who knew President Richard M. Nixon well praised him upon his death April 22. Nixon, 81, died in a New York City hospital after suffering a stroke. His funeral was April 27 in Yorba Linda, Calif. Billy Graham, the well-known evangelist and longtime Nixon friend, officiated. Nixon probably is most identified with the Watergate scandal, which led to his resignation from office in 1974 under the threat of impeachment. In statements released through their ministries, Graham and Prison Fellowship Chairman Charles Colson, who served as Nixon's White House special counsel for three and a half years, did not comment directly on Watergate but recalled his foreign policy accomplishments and his relationship with his family. "I believe history will be generous toward him," said Graham, who described Nixon as a close friend for 44 years. "He will always be remembered for his boldness in ushering in a whole new era of history by opening the door of China. In recent years, he had become America's elder statesman, for he had no peer in the area of foreign affairs. Even in my own work I turned to him frequently for advice, especially about my trips to Eastern Europe, China, and, more recently, North Korea." Colson, who said he saw Nixon "at his finest and his worst," commented, "In the longer perspective of history, Watergate notwithstanding, Richard Nixon will be remembered as one of the truly great leaders of this century." (See related item, page 2.)

**TWO TEXAS CHURCHES CARRY ON AFTER TORNADO HITS BUILDING:** DALLAS (ABP) — Despite losing the building they shared in an April 15 tornado, two Texas Baptist congregations promise business as usual. "We just lost a building — we are the church," Robert Williams, interim pastor of Community Church in Crosby, Texas, told about 150 worshipers who met for an open-air service April 17 on the site where their meeting house had been destroyed two days earlier. At least 20 people were injured and one 67-year-old woman was killed by the tornado that swept through Crosby, a town about 25 miles northeast of Houston. The storm damaged or destroyed about 100 houses and mobile homes. Among buildings leveled by the twister were facilities of Community Church and its Hispanic mission, Comunidad. The following Sunday, Williams and Gary Sloan, pastor of Comunidad Mission, led a bilingual, joint worship service of the two congregations on the parking lot of the church property. Using a flatbed trailer as his rostrum, Williams preached not far from the rubble that been their church facility. "We're going to go through trials and tribulations," he said. "This is not the first, and it won't be the last. But I'd a whole lot rather go through a trial with Christ than go through it without him."

**NEW MEXICO BOARD MEMBERS VENT FEELINGS OVER DILDAY DISMISSAL:** ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (BP) — Baptist Convention of New Mexico executive board members closed their April 18 meeting venting feelings about the firing of Russell H. Dilday Jr. as president of Southwestern Seminary. Convention President Frank Zamora, pastor of First Church in Las Cruses, said he often has been asked, "What is New Mexico saying concerning this?" Zamora said several individuals had remarked to him that a couple of statements in the letter of seminary trustees to Southern Baptist pastors were incorrect and unkind. Zamora said he had been unable to get a response from the trustee chairman Ralph W. Pulley Jr. of Dallas. Another board member said he understood why it was difficult for the board to make any kind of an official statement. Personally, however, he expressed how grieved and ashamed he was to be a Southern Baptist during this time when we are "devouring one another and holding our Lord up to ridicule." He said people need to stand up for Dilday and "we shouldn't allow this mockery to continue in our convention."

**CHRISTIAN KILLED, OTHERS WOUNDED DURING MUSLIM ATTACK IN PAKISTAN:** LAHORE, Pakistan (EP) — Three Muslim gunmen attacked a group of Christians as they emerged from the High Court in Lahore, Pakistan, April 5. One man was killed, two others seriously injured, and a young boy was wounded in the arm. Manzoor Masih, 35, who was killed, one of the injured, Rehmat Masih, 37, and the boy, Salamat Masih, 11, were facing charges of blasphemy against Mohammed, a crime that carries a mandatory death sentence in Pakistan. The alleged incident of blasphemy took place in the village of Rata Dhotran nearly one year ago. The Muslim priest of the village reported that he saw Salamat Masih writing anti-Muslim slogans on the wall of the village mosque, and throwing into the mosque pieces of paper inscribed with derogatory remarks about Mohammed. The three survivors of the attack identified the alleged assassins, who reportedly were led by two Muslim clerics. The police, who have brought murder charges against the men, said they belonged to a religious group.

## Churches adopt Expanded Annuity Plan

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan since those reported in the April 7 issue of **The Baptist Record**: Lawrence: Providence; and Pike: Silver Creek.

## Letters to the editor



### Breakthrough works

Editor:

As pastor of one of the churches involved in Great Commission Breakthrough, I want to thank the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the churches for making it possible for those who came to Alaska for this special and exciting time.

David Rogers (Hattiesburg) and Don Connerly (Grenada), were at our church and did an outstanding job. They both related to our size church and in the particular area that we're located. The suggestions they made were reasonable and most importantly: probably all "do-able." The staff at our church is bivocational so it may take us a little longer to implement some of the suggestions but as both David and Don said: "Do what you can and when you finish those things, go on to something else."

The week after they were in our church, we set a new attendance record of 121 in Sunday School. I'm sure that the two Mississippi men were partially responsible as they had instilled an excitement in our Sunday School teachers to do it.

I look forward to a continuing productive relationship with the Mississippi Baptist Convention and individuals from the churches there. Certainly, if they are of the same caliber as David Rogers and Don Connerly, we in Alaska will greatly benefit from this association. Thanks again for the support of our Alaskan churches and specifically Big Lake Church.

Jerry Pinkerton, pastor  
Big Lake Church  
Wasilla, Alaska

### Seeking a pastor

Editor:

The International Baptist Church of Stuttgart, Germany, is seeking a pastor. We are seeking a Southern Baptist minister for our congregation. Our 300-person fellowship is a multi-cultural mixture of Americans (military and corporate), Germans, Eastern Europeans, Africans, and Asians. We are affiliated with the European Baptist Convention (English Language) and follow the principles and doctrines of the Southern Baptist Convention. We are seeking God's man to lead us in missions. An ideal candidate would have previous mission experience, be called to serve in Germany, speak and write German. If God is leading you to serve in a missions setting, please contact me.

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International Baptist Church  
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70569 Stuttgart-Vaihingen  
Germany

### Good word for church

Editor:

I have just completed one of the greatest pastorates of my

entire ministry. Often times, all we ever hear from pastors about churches is the bad experiences they've had, so I just wanted to put in a good word for Sharon Church of Long Beach.

In the four and a half years we served them, we found some of the most loving, friendly folks. They welcomed us, loved us, and followed our leadership. We grew together both in number and in Spirit. Sharon is filled with some of the most faithful people we have served, which as all preachers know, makes it a real joy to pastor.

As we branch out into a whole new area of evangelism, we are confident of one thing. There is a church in Long Beach, filled with some precious folks who will be praying for us every day. We will also pray for them as they seek out a new pastor. Thank you for allowing me to publicly commend this great church for the wonderful ministry they helped us to experience.

Donnie Guy  
Long Beach

### Disagrees with Colson

Editor:

Chuck Colson is an outstanding spokesman for the cause of Christ. He is a skilled author and lecturer and has keen insight into America's religious status.

I enjoyed his guest opinion in the April 21 edition; however, I take issue with one sentence: "Students aren't allowed to pray in school any more." I believe our Constitution presently allows our children to pray in school in whichever manner they choose; but if certain elements (misguided in my opinion) in our society keep pressing for the passing of certain laws regarding this issue, then our children will lose the rights they do have to pray in school.

Tom Mercier  
Prentiss

### Close to Inquisition

Editor:

Enough letters to the editor and other media comment about (Russell) Dilday's firing have been written and spoken. Quite obviously this action will not be reversed in spite of all the threats and promises by well-meaning folks all across the country. Why is it that I see so many parallels between our current SBC leadership with its numerous governing hierarchies and the Roman Catholic Church during the time of the Spanish Inquisition?

They were also after heretics, and anyone who did not conform to their concept of a Christian was done away with. The masses were pretty well left alone, but anyone in a place of authority was not only removed from his position, but was burned at the stake or put to death in other painful ways. (Fred) Wolfe, in addressing a Pas-

tors' Conference, used the term "conservative resurgence" several times. He also approved the dismissal of Dilday.

Wolfe also told me that since I have trouble with the conservative resurgence of the SBC, I would probably be happier somewhere else. I'm afraid that if he's elected president of the SBC, the witch hunts will get going in earnest to rid the convention of us "heretics."

J.B. Morgan  
Long Beach

### On women deacons

Editor:

I read the letter from Kevin Waller in the April 11 issue and, to use the second line of Waller's letter, "What I saw was enough to make any Bible-believing Southern Baptist sick." I feel certain that mine will not be the only letter of rebuttal to his letter that you receive.

I don't know where Waller has been hiding, but Southern Baptist churches are full of women who are or have been deacons, much to the delight of their congregations who elected them in a democratic manner. First Church, Starkville, is one of the fortunate churches. Also, in our own family we have a God-fearing niece who is an elected and ordained deacon in her Baptist church in Tennessee. She also was divorced after her ordination and is still serving. God is her Master, not a "husband who rules his own house well."

What does Waller think the missionaries who go to various countries and start a church would do without their wives? Are the wives not actually assistant pastors? I simply cannot follow Waller's rationale.

Louise H. Brooks  
Starkville

### Seeks Baptist homes

Editor:

There is still a need for Christian families in Mississippi to host the high school students from the former Soviet Union who will arrive in our state in mid-August.

This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in foreign missions because we can show these Russian children what our freedom and love of Christ means to each of us. The government is paying for their transportation here, providing insurance for them, and giving them \$100 a month lunch allowance to each of the 10 students coming to the "Hospitality State."

It would be a shame if we cannot find just 10 Christian homes for these kids in all of Mississippi.

If you can offer a Christian home to one of these kids, please call 1-800-USYOUTH, or (601) 653-3331.

What a wonderful opportunity for Mississippi Baptists! We must not fail these children!

Murray Cain  
Durant

# HOUSETOPS

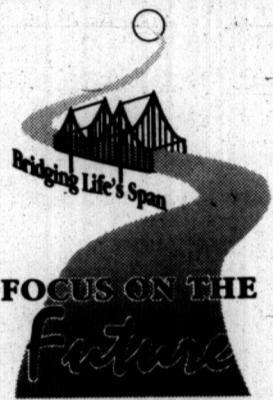
What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops. Matthew 10:27 NAS

May 5, 1994

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## GUIDING PRESCHOOLERS TO LEARN ABOUT GOD

by Paula Stringer  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary



"... from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 2:15)

The preschool years are foundation laying years. The job of parents, teachers, and other significant adults in the preschooler's life is to lay a strong foundation for faith in God and a right relationship with Christ Jesus. Just as the foundation of a building is a significant part of the total structure, so the spiritual foundation is an important part of a child's later spiritual development.

A preschooler can learn about God. Indeed he learns about spiritual concepts in the same way that he learns about the rest of his world: through relationships, through his senses, by repetition, through personal involvement, through imitation, through curiosity, and through satisfaction.

Relationships are the primary vehicle through which a preschooler learns. Trust is learned as a preschooler finds that he is able to trust his parents and other significant adults in his life. As a preschooler grows he can transfer this trust in the people who have told him about God to God. The preschooler learns about God's love as a loving adult says, "God loves you." The words "God loves you" have little meaning unless they are expressed by an adult with whom the child has a loving relationship. The preschooler learns that the Bible is a special book as he sees his parents and teachers using it.

As a preschooler learns about God from parents and teachers it is important to remember that he is very literal-minded and concrete in his thinking. Because many spiritual concepts are by nature very abstract, it is important that care be taken to teach a preschooler using terms and concepts which have meaning for him. A preschooler wants to know how Jesus gets small enough to get in your heart. If this is God's House, the preschooler wants to know, "Where is God's bedroom?"

It is also important to recognize that spiritual growth is part of the child's overall growth. We are given the perfect example in Luke 2:52.

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."



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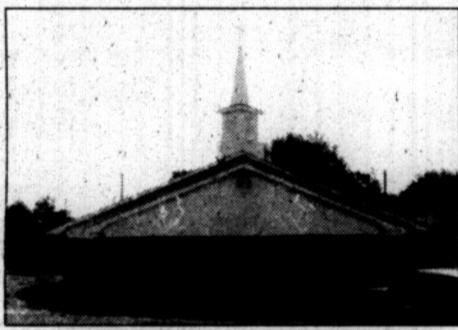
*".... our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action." 1 John 3:18 (TEV)*

### West Batesville Baptist Mission: Cleophus Rawls and his wife, Ethel Panola Baptist Association



Panola Baptist Association is a partnership of churches committed to starting churches. West Batesville Baptist Mission was established in April 1989, with North Batesville Baptist Church as the sponsoring church. Rick Glidewell is pastor of North

Batesville and Harold Vaughan is missions development director. Cleophus Rawls and his wife, Ethel, appointed by the Home Mission Board to Panola County to establish new work, had been serving as church planter. Rawls became the first pastor of West Batesville Mission, which constituted on October 17, 1993.



The mission requested affiliation with Panola Baptist Association, and at the Spring Meeting on April 11, 1994, the vote was unanimous. Rawls is still serving as pastor of West Batesville, with a present membership of 47.

### Choctaw Baptist Association

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Choctaw Association, is over 150 years old and located in a very rural setting. But they are definitely not suffering from age or lack of enthusiasm for our Lord's work! In January they began mission organizations and now have a Brotherhood, WMU, RA's, Acteens, and GA's. They participated in the World Missions Conference, and one young person has committed her life to full-time mission service. Two adults

are planning short term mission assignments. Sunday worship service attendance is at an all-time high. God's people are on the move!

### Clarke Baptist Association

The churches of Clarke Association have a linkage ministry with the churches of Steel Valley Baptist Association in Ohio. Since 1983, financial support has been sent every month from Clarke to Steel Valley. For the last ten years, revival teams have traveled from Clarke to Steel Valley, and for four years' evangelists from Steel Valley have come to Clarke for revivals. This ministry has resulted in many people receiving Christ as their Savior, and has brought a bond of Christian love and compassion between the people of Clarke Association and the people of Steel Valley Association, Ohio.



Roy D. Raddin (on far right), director of missions, Washington County Baptist Association, is shaking hands with owner of house where volunteers (others in picture) have just finished working.

### Washington County Baptist Association

On Wednesday night, February 9, 1994, disaster struck the Mississippi Delta in the form of an ice storm. 14,000 light poles and 4,000 miles of power lines came tumbling down under the weight of the ice. Broken trees lay across houses, yards and roadways.

Washington County Baptist Association reached out to their neighbors with help. Pastors were contacted to get names of those in need. Churches worked through the association to coordinate their efforts. In the weeks that followed, 466 homes were cleared of debris and 1,740 meals served.

Roy D. Raddin, director of missions, said, "In many ways the storm was a blessing in disguise. It brought many people together who did not know their neighbors. The disaster showed a loving and caring relationship of the Baptists of Washington County, who ministered in the name of the Lord. Many families who were helped wanted to pay for

the services, but the groups' response was that they did this for Jesus and to express their faith and love for Him."

### Gulf Coast Baptist Association serving Harrison, Hancock, and Stone Counties

The world comes to the Gulf Coast. These Baptist churches are on the front line in missions and ministry — right in their own front yard! The Port of Gulfport brings seamen from around the world; the highways bring truckers from across the USA. The Center for International Seamen and Truckers ministers to all this every day. From hearing the gospel to making telephone calls back home, the world travelers hear and see the love of God.

Language Missions are very active. The Spanish, Korean, Filipino, and Vietnamese mission groups are participating in the International Cultural and Heritage Festival, April 22-24, 1994, Rice Pavilion, Gulfport. Each group has booths for ethnic food, arts, and crafts. They presented folk and sacred music and folk dances. On Sunday, April 24, each one presented a mini-service. Everyone coming to the booths was given a pamphlet identifying the ministry of the language groups. The Festival gives excellent exposure to the international community and provides the opportunity for witness and ministry to more people.

Telling people about Jesus - making telephone calls around the world - helping a family with immigration papers - securing a location for a Filipino church - this is Gulf Coast Baptist Association - on mission - serving our Lord.

### North Delta Baptist Association - serving Coahoma, Quitman, and Tunica Counties

This is a busy place! With 22 churches and a mission that believe the real definition of an association is, "A fellowship of churches, on mission, doing together what one church can not do alone." If you want to keep up with M.C. Johnson, director of missions, for a week, make sure you have your running shoes and vitamins!

The association has a ministry center in the same building as the office, with volunteers doing all the work. In the past year they have ministered to 2,000 families (5,600 individuals), requesting help with food, clothing, household goods, and other needs. Hundreds of tracts and New Testaments are given away and an attempt is made to witness to each person.

# NATIONAL MISSIONS WEEK

- 22, 1994



The Crisis Pregnancy Center began in February 1992. They have a unique project called "Diaper Bag Ministry." When a woman tests positive, she is asked to come back next week to choose her diaper bag. The center keeps the diaper bag, and on each visit the expectant mother chooses an item to place in her bag. When she gives birth, a counselor takes the diaper bag to her. This ministry provides many opportunities to work with and witness to the mother.

One of the newest ministries is Providence Baptist Church, serving the black community. A mobile chapel is being installed, with a full schedule of worship and activities planned.

A furloughing missionary house has been completely refurbished and furnished. Members of the WMU worked very hard to make it a special place for furloughing missionaries or pastors in transition.

A committee is now exploring the possibility of opening a Day Care for low-income families in the Spruce Street Property. Pray for this committee as they seek our Lord's guidance in use of this property.

Contact has been made in Tunica County for property on which to build a ministry of some type to the people moving into the area to work in the casinos. The association is excited about where the Lord leads in this ministry.

There is also Seminary Extension for biblical studies, literacy ministry to teach people to read, a media center, and Little House for student missionaries and short term volunteers.

## The House on the Corner

by Judy Shelton, MBCB

Our subdivision in Memphis did not have a church. If my parents had wanted to attend, the closest church was several miles away.

Thrifthaven Baptist Church started Charleston Road Mission in the house on the corner. When a new location was needed for a permanent building, we became Jackson Avenue Baptist Church.

Vaughn Denton, mission pastor, and another layman visited our home and invited my family to church. This was 1959 and my parents were not Christians at that time. Several months before, they had almost lost their baby girl, me, to a serious illness. Mom and Dad began to visit the mission, which was only seven houses down the street from us.

After visiting the mission for awhile, Dad went forward during an invitation and accepted Christ. When he got up from his knees and opened his eyes, there was his best friend, Mom, who had just made a profession of faith. "It was a glorious day," said Dad. The witness of the mission made a difference, not only in their lives, but their four children and others they have touched during the years.

Dad started a Bible study group at work, and continued it for 25 years, until he retired. Mom and Dad became very active in the church, growing in their Christian maturity and serving in many capacities. Dad was chairman of the deacons, and Mom especially enjoyed serving as

Sunday School secretary. My sister, brothers and I were often teased and called "preacher's kids," because we spent so much time at the church attending worship, Bible Study, cleaning or fixing something.

Our church outgrew its small mission house and purchased property on the corner of Jackson Avenue. Our family's Christian growth matches that of our church. Mom and Dad were saved at the mission; Becky and I were saved in the first building program; Ricky and Terry, my brothers, were saved in the second building program.

I remember walking to church on many a beautiful morning, and having people over to our house after church. Other special memories include:

- my dad laying down his cigarettes never to smoke again.
- old-fashion gospel singings.
- walking the aisle, taking my pastor's hand, and telling him I wanted to know Jesus.
- growing up in missions — becoming queen in Acteens.
- youth choir.
- my daddy laying the keys to our house on the altar — if that's what it took to get the money for our new building!

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29	30	31				
for churches to support these missions activities	for foreign missionaries who wish they could be home for some of the good garden vegetables, and their families here who wish so, too	for college students who are working in missions during the summer	<i>Summertime - not as many places in the world are as blessed with the hot weather that Mississippi has in the summertime, but the hot weather and the rains and human work make it possible for Mississippi folks to be blessed with much good food grown right here in home gardens in the summertime - lots of seed and work and good harvests.</i>	<i>Summertime is a time of planting spiritual seed and doing spiritual work and reaping good spiritual harvest as youth and adults go on mission trips, as children are involved in Bible Schools...let's pray about these.</i>		

*Here we go again...*

# Christians should beware rumors that harm their Christian witness

By William H. Perkins Jr.

P.T. Barnum was right.

The circus huckster may have died 103 years ago, but people still believe almost anything and some Mississippians are apparently out to prove that fact.

The tired, old tale about corporate giant Procter and Gamble being a tool of Satan is once again in circulation across the state, according to Paul Jones, executive director of the Christian Action Commission (CAC) of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The revived rumor surfaced in Webster County, where the Webster Progress-Times newspaper reported on April 20 that a group calling itself Concerned Christians of Webster County circulated a flyer charging that the president of Procter and Gamble was a practicing Satanist who supported devilish activities with profits from the company.

Gregory M. Rossiter, public relations supervisor for Procter and Gamble in Cincinnati, branded the accusation as "completely ridiculous" and said the company has won more than a dozen lawsuits against people intentionally spreading the lie.

"Procter and Gamble has been serving the American public for over 150 years, and nothing is more important to us than the integrity of our business and the quality of our products," he said.

Jones said his office has been receiving calls from across northeast Mississippi, including calls prompted by an apparent mass distribution of the flyer at a school in Grenada County.

People are beginning to call

from south Mississippi as well, he added.

The phenomenon of rapidly-spreading untruths such as the Procter and Gamble story has been studied by researchers who have tagged the rumors as "urban legends," or "urban myths," in the tradition of centuries-old verbal transmission of folk tales from one generation to the next.

## Demand the facts

When Christians take action against companies, products, and activities they feel are contrary to their Christian faith or lifestyle, they must base their actions on proven, well-documented facts. Don't believe everything you hear by word-of-mouth. Ask for proof from the person who tells you. Many manufacturers include a toll-free telephone number and their corporate address on their product labels. Call or write them, and demand the facts.

The Christian Action Commission (CAC) of the Mississippi Baptist Convention can supply information on many of the fraudulent rumors that crop up from time to time. CAC can be contacted at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530, or by calling (601) 968-3800.

Urban legends/myths are virtually impossible to document, and gullible people simply accept the version told to them without getting proof for themselves, researchers have concluded.

Other victims of fraudulent urban legends that refuse to die include the Federal Communications Commission (religious

broadcasting ban); NASA (banning Bibles in space); apparel manufacturer Liz Claiborne; and McDonald's, to name a few.

Jones said he is particularly concerned because Christians involved in spreading such baseless rumors are wasting their time and heaping ridicule on their faith.

"This type of meaningless activism makes Christians look foolish," he said.

Jones pointed out that Christian evangelist William Murray, son of famed atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, has stated that his mother cooks up rumors for the specific purpose of discrediting Christians' witness to non-believers.

Why do otherwise well-meaning people get involved in such fruitless activities?

Jones thinks he knows.

"It's easy and comfortable to hand out an ill-defined, unattributable petition like this, rather than actually get involved in important Christian activities going on all around us. When there are so many people in need at our very doorstep — abused, neglected, hungry, and homeless — why do we invest our time in this meaningless activity of rumor and petition?" Jones asked.

## Stephens accepts call as Rankin Association DOM

Rankin Association has called Allen H. Stephens to serve as director of missions, effective May 15, 1994.

Stephens will be working with 59 cooperating Southern Baptist churches in the association to start

more churches and reach more people for the Lord.

Stephens is a native of Rankin County, ordained to the gospel ministry in 1966 by First Church, Flowood.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College (B.A.) and New Orleans Seminary (Th.M.).

During the past 28 years, he has served as pastor of Rock Hill Church, Brandon; Braxton Church, Braxton; Bay Vista Church, Biloxi; First Church, Ferriday, La.; Jacksonville Beach Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; and First Church, Richland.

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## Evolution of a Trademark

The oldest documented use of the Moon and Stars in P&G's Archives is this crude rendering on a price list from the late 1860's.



The Moon and Stars had been refined to this point by 1882, and registered in the U.S. Patent Office.



By the late 1890's, the trademark was still basically the same, but displayed some of the decorations typical of the turn of the century.



In 1930, a sculptor was commissioned by P&G to refine the Moon and Stars trademark.



In 1991, the Moon and Stars trademark continued to evolve, with minor refinements to simplify its look.

Source: The Procter & Gamble Company  
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## LifeAnswers

I am 16 years old and confused about all this fuss over music. Is it wrong for a Christian to listen to other than Christian music?

Al Menconi has written a book entitled, Today's Music: A Window to Your Child's Soul. He states that the words in music are like a steak, and the sauces we choose to put on the music are the type (country, rock and roll, etc.), the beat, and the tempo. In other words, is your music speaking on healthy values and principles you want for your life, or depicting negative images of your values and God? Listen to music and decide if it is consistent with your values and principles. Look at the performers' eyes, listen to their words, and search for wholesomeness of character and reputation that is important to you. Ask for input from people you respect. Most importantly, pray for God's leadership. Music reaches to our souls and is a powerful motivation for us to change. Music — as well as television, literature, and the company we keep — has a greater influence on us than we know. Guard your heart and seek God as you make these difficult decisions.

time about her not cleaning house. Our three girls go to church with her and do not obey me. We've talked about calling it quits, but I fear being alone. What can I do?

Your question is most difficult in that there are many sides to this issue. When there are conflicts, there are unmet needs. Why doesn't your wife clean house? The obvious answer is that she doesn't want to, but there may be other answers. Did she spend her childhood in an adult role taking care of others? Is she mad about something? Is she angry with you? As a concerned Christian husband (and father), you must ask yourself if there could be greater needs that your wife (and daughters) may have in their anger, conflict, harsh words, and destructive behavior. How are you showing them the love of Christ? Study Romans 12:20. By praying that your eyes be opened to their needs, you may understand their hurts and become a giver of warmth and love. Don't expect immediate results or positive appreciation. You must do your best "as unto the Lord," and the other people are responsible for their reactions. This type of unconditional love will bring your wife and your family closer together, or they will reject it. Your job is to keep on loving.

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# BSU legend leaves big legacy with family and students he touched

By William H. Perkins Jr.

Bro. Louie was proud of the fact that "the sun never sets on my students."

Louie Farmer Jr., retired Baptist Student Union (BSU) director at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and Clarke College in Newton, died in Hattiesburg on April 26 at the age of 80. Funeral services were held at Temple Church, Hattiesburg, on April 29.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Mildred in 1973. He is survived by his second wife, Etta Lee, and a daughter by his first marriage, Reva Farmer Daniel of Clinton.

He often bragged that "his" students circled the globe, fulfilling the Great Commission and sharing their Christian witness wherever they could, said Daniel.

The Weatherford, Texas, native was a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary, from which he held dual masters' degrees in theology and religious education.

"Our family was in the cattle



**Farmer**

business when the Great Depression hit and our father couldn't sell the cattle, so he went into the dairy business. Louie would drive the milk truck into Fort Worth and then go by the seminary to attend his classes," said his sister, Lucille Farmer McWhorter of Eldorado, Texas.

McWhorter recalled her brother didn't struggle with his call, as do many young ministers-to-be.

"We come from a long line of Baptists. Louie answered the call in high school, and once he discovered BSU work, he knew he had found his niche in the ministry," she said.

Farmer arrived at Clarke College in 1948 and directed BSU there until he accepted the same position at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1954. He retired in 1980.

"He never missed a Ridgecrest BSU meeting, and he led groups all over the world to attend World Youth Congress meetings," McWhorter said.

Throughout his long, eventful ministry, Bro. Louie was humble about his accomplishments and source of spiritual strength, his daughter recalled.

"He was always amazed that God could use him," she said.

## Top Mississippi churches named in '93 "Annie" gifts

ATLANTA — Mississippi churches gave \$2,088,682 to the 1993 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, according to figures recently released. That is \$52,892 less than the amount given in 1992. The annual offering totaled \$36.3 million nationwide.

Top churches in total giving for the state were First, Jackson; Broadmoor, Jackson; First, Columbus; First, Brandon; Alta Woods, Jackson; First, Gulfport; First, Clinton; First, Greenville; First, Hattiesburg; and First, Laurel.

Top churches in per capita giving for the state were Learned, Learned; Burch Hill, Jackson;

Mantee, Mantee; Ridgecrest, Corinth; New Hope, Calhoun City; Yellow Leaf, Oxford; Lucien, Brookhaven; First, Richton; Center Ridge, De Kalb; and New Hope, Tupelo.

All figures were based on the Uniform Church Letter.

"These churches serve as a model of excellence to other churches in the Southern Baptist Convention," said HMB President Larry L. Lewis.

The annual offering supports the work of nearly 5,000 home missionaries serving in all 50 states, American Samoa, Guam, the Caribbean, and Canada. All money received from the offering goes to the field.

## Blue Mountain sets commencement

Blue Mountain College will holds its commencement exercises May 8 at 3 p.m. in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium on campus.

The commencement address will be delivered by James L. Roberts, Mississippi Supreme Court Judge, and former Pontotoc County prosecuting Roberts

attorney and Commissioner of Public Safety.

Rex Yancey, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, Pascagoula, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 11 a.m., also in the auditorium. Yancey received his bachelor's degree from Blue Mountain College.



**Yancey**

## Just for the Record

A regional Willow Creek Church Leadership Conference will be held in Birmingham, Ala., May 16-18. Co-sponsored by the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, the conference will feature Pastor Bill Hybels and other staff members from the Willow Creek Community Church in suburban Chicago. The church is known for using innovative ways to reach the unchurched, including "seeker services" which target non-church goers instead of regular attenders. Call 1-800-264-1225 for cost and other details.

Alexander Memorial Church, Hollandale, set an \$800 goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. The church exceeded its goal by \$500, with an offering total of \$1,300.

Robinhood Church, Brandon, recently paid off its parking lot three years ahead of schedule, and is presently remodeling its educational building. The Sunday School attendance has doubled in the past year, and worship atten-

dance has tripled. A summer youth director has been called and a youth choir has been started with an average attendance of 35. It has also surpassed its Lottie Moon Offering goal for the third straight year. Don Nerren is pastor.

Midway Church, Newton, will host John Yates in its Sunday morning service, May 15 at 11. Yates, a ventriloquist, will also perform vocal and trumpet solos. For more information, contact Wayne Miley at (601) 683-6640.

FORT WORTH (BP) — The SBC Resolutions Committee chairman has called for a preview of resolutions proposed for the June 14-16 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Fla.

Copies of proposed resolutions may be mailed to the SBC Executive Committee, Convention Relations Office, 901 Commerce St., Suite 750, Nashville, TN 37203.

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## Leake Association holds World Mission Conference, May 22-29

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FMB missionary to Bangladesh; James Ernest Blackwell, hospital chaplain, Vicksburg; Joseph Troy Prince, Home Mission Board worker in Arkansas; and Carolyn Smith, foreign missionary to Brazil. Joseph Abel is director of missions, Leake Association.

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## Names in the News

Jerry Drace will be the conference leader for "Home-Aid: First Aid for Your Family," hosted by Parkway Church, Natchez, May 6-8. Drace will lead sessions for adults and youths. Sessions include: Friday, 6 p.m., husband and wife banquet; Saturday, 9:30 a.m., (youths) "Restoring Relationships," followed by a picnic; 1 p.m. (single adults) "Careers, Challenges & Choices"; 6 p.m., (youths) pizza party, followed by Drace and musicians Ken and Lois Holland; Sunday, 9:30 a.m., "Thirty Ways to Communicate with Your Child"; and 5 p.m., "The Single Perspective." For more information, call (601) 442-7434.



Donzie Winningham, wife of Zack Winningham, pastor of

## Payne, Tupelo minister, honored upon retirement

Marion Payne, pastor of Macedonia Church near Tupelo, has announced his retirement. Severe heart and lung problems have contributed to an early retirement.

A special retirement service was held for Payne and his wife Inez at Macedonia Church with his son, Don Payne, pastor of Forest Lake Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., as the speaker.

Payne operated a restaurant in the Tupelo area prior to beginning his ministry. Even with the late start, Payne said, "pastoring has been the most rewarding thing I've done in my life."

He pastored Blue Springs Church in Union County, Liberty Church in Monroe County, Locust Hill Church in Pontotoc County, and Oak Hill Church in Prentiss County, prior to going to Macedonia.

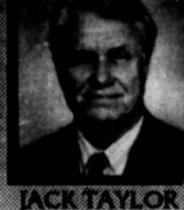
## Revival Dates

**Parkway, Houston:** May 8-11; 7 nightly; Glen Savell, evangelist; Lois Jane, guest singer; David Kendall, pastor.

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### SBC

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Rock Hill Church, Covington Association, died April 24 of respiratory failure at the University Medical Center in Jackson. She was 59. Funeral services were April 26 at Poplar Springs Church, Mendenhall, followed by burial in Poplar Springs cemetery. Survivors include her husband; one son, Gregory of Florence; two daughters, Carla Dianne of Baton Rouge, La., and Ladonna Braswell of Madison; one brother, one sister, and four grandchildren.

**SCOTT DEPOT, W. Va. (BP)** — Rick D. Hatley, editor of the **West Virginia Southern Baptist**, has resigned to return to a local church staff position in Kentucky. Hatley, who also served as director of the church development division for the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, will leave June 30. Hatley will become associate pastor/education director for Central Church in Winchester, Ky.

nia.

"I'm proud of my wife and family," said Payne. "They have supported me through the years, along with the wonderful people in the churches I have pastored."

Payne commented that he was especially thankful for his 46-year marriage which began three days before he turned 17 years old. Inez was 16.

## Revival Dates

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1998 is Florence H. Hui, layperson and member of Brooklyn Chinese Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., replacing Sherri Cerny, Galway, N.Y., who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for second terms are Paul Moore, Washington; Duane J. Faulkenberry, Herrin, Ill.; Claude M. Witt, Louisville, Ky.; Violet S. Galyean, Riner, Va.; Jay H. Strack, Dallas.

### EDUCATION COMMISSION

(21 members): 5 nominations considered; 4 new members; 1 renomination.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Woodrow W. Burt, executive vice president of Hannibal-LaGrange College and member of Fifth Street Church, Hannibal, Mo., replacing Patrick O. Copley, St. Louis; John D. Adams, dean of religious affairs at Union University and member of First Church, Jackson, Tenn., replacing William L. Palmer, Seymour, Tenn.; John G. Rocovich Jr., attorney and member of First Church, Roanoke, Va., replacing K. Eugene Lee, Manasses, Va.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1998 is Carolyn Williams, school teacher and member of First Church, Houston, replacing James Stewart, El Paso, Texas, who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for a second term is Harold W. Sorrell Jr., Clinton, Md.

### BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION

(30 members): 8 nominations considered; 1 new member; 7 renominations.

Nominated for a term expiring in 1998 is William V. Prince, manager of operations at Southern Bell/Bell South and member of Rehoboth Church, Tucker, Ga., replacing Comer T. Williamson, Americus, Ga., who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for second terms are Nathan H. Pillow, Foundation Hills, Ariz.; Ozzie Berryhill, Little Rock, Ark.; Joe Wedan, Chanute, Kan.; Keith D. Corrick, Lisbon, Md.; C. Donley Brown, Jefferson City, Mo.; Alan C. Todd, Fairport, N.Y.; Donald Ford, Grafton, W.Va.

### CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION

(38 members): 9 nominations considered; 4 new members; 5 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Alfred J. Fransen, department manager of Casualty Insurance Co. and member of First Church, Bellevue, Neb., replacing Carl W. Garrett, Overland Park, Kan.; Paul D. Walley, lawyer and member of First Church, Richton, Miss., replacing Curtis W. Caine Sr., Jackson, Miss.; Forrest A. Claunch Sr., layman and member of Country Estates Church, Midwest City, Okla., replacing James Paul Wood, Atlanta.

### STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

(30 members): 11 nominations considered; 8 new members; 3 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: K. Milton Higgins, foundation executive vice president and member of Trinity Church, Fresno, Calif., replacing James Trammell, Palm Dale, Calif.; Robert F. Wilson, pastor of First Church, Mayfield, Ky., replacing Emery J. Farris,

Pineville, Ky.; Ronald L. Fannin, foundation director and member of Snow Hill Church, Tuttle, Okla., replacing Robert L. Ross, Oklahoma City.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1998 are Parker Chancellor, pastor of **Souenlovia Church, Enterprise, Miss.**, replacing Tho Ngoc Dang, Moss Point, Miss., who declined to serve a second term; Larry R. Pridmore, pastor of Grace Church, Whitehall, N.Y., replacing Romeo Dizon Manansala, Jersey City, N.J., who declined to serve a second term.

Jason Y. Mori, layman and member of First Church, Alexandria, Va., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Robert L. Mobley, Richmond, Va., who resigned; Stanley K. Smith, stewardship director and member of Redland Church, New Cumberland, Pa., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996 replacing Douglas M. Pilot, W. Pittston, Pa., who resigned; Kenneth Hull, pastor of Tenth Street Church, Trenton, Mo., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1995 replacing Benny J. King, Fenton, Mo., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Samuel J. Hodges III, Hillcrest Heights, Md.; Larry A. Dailey, Gardnerville, Nev.; B. Carlisle Driggers, Lexington, S.C.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

(6 members): 3 nominations considered; 2 new members; 1 nomination for chairman.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1997, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Lillian L. Butler, layperson and member of Northside Church, Mayfield, Ky., replacing Sandra Butler Hodge, Princeton, Ky.; Perry L. Calvert, layperson and member of Whitesburg Church, Huntsville, Ala., replacing Steve Cookingham, Wichita Falls, Texas. Fred Powell, Moore, Okla., was renominated as chairman.

### DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR COMMITTEE

(6 members): 3 nominations considered; 2 new members; 1 nomination for chairman.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1997, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Elizabeth S. Peterson, pediatrician and member of Calvary Church, Greenwood, Ind., replacing Alena E. Brock, Yorktown, Ind.; Edward I. Mattox Jr., pastor of Forest Park Church, Farmington Hills, Mich., replacing Walter Lee Partain, Pueblo, Colo. Wade Burleson, Enid, Okla., was nominated as chairman.

## Homecomings

**Wayside, Scobey:** May 15: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11; Travis Tramel, pastor, speaker; dinner on grounds and singing following morning service.

**Clear Springs (Yalobusha):** May 8; worship, 10:45 a.m.; lunch, 12 p.m.; afternoon singing, 1:30; Lonnie Waller, pastor.

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## Uniform Adopted as God's children



By Doug Bain  
Galatians 3, 4

My only brother is adopted. He came to be with me when he was three months old. But he is no different than I am in that he has always just been in the family.

In the ultimate family, likewise where kinship is beyond blood ties, based on covenant, we are all graciously adopted. Christians do share in the common humanity of all humankind, yet through adoption we are in God's family in a special kinship of cooperative faith relationship with the Father.

**God's Spirit as gift (3:1-5).** This famous passage about foolish Galatian believers who had been "bewitched" is at the heart of Paul's concern in this document. Did they really realize that after having begun the Christian life in the only way possible — through faith — they had now reverted back to the self-secur ing effort of external rule-keeping? Surely they did not think God's Spirit is given because of self-energized rule-keeping effort? God's Spirit comes through faith and empowers us to keep God's principles by writing these boldly within our hearts. The Spirit leads us to the freedom of an internal locus of control so that we are not in slavery to principles foreign to us. He helps us want to do what we ought to do. Oh, bewitched Galatian Christians, are you really willing to give up on freedom and to surrender God's gracious gift of the Spirit?

As Dostoevsky has taught us so effectively in the Grand Inquisitor passage of *The Brothers Karamazov*, freedom is such a delicate and fragile gift. We are more than willing to surrender it to someone in "authority" so that we do not have to bear that "terrible burden of freedom." Had Dostoevsky been to "Galatia" to learn such truth? By these sacred and classic texts, believers today stand warned of the need to continue in faith, not surrendering the terrible burden, freedom.

**Purpose of the law (3:23-25).** The text suggests that "rule keeping" is a legitimate first stage. Before little children move toward maturity they obey rules external to them, because the parent "says so." But the wise parent teaches reasons for rules so that rules eventually become internalized and authenticity is facilitated. The purpose of that initial stage is that a guardian may be in charge of the child until there is an internal rule system. That initial stage is like a temporary tutor, on hand until character is formed.

Verse 24 indicates that "the Law was in charge of us until Christ came" — "rule-keeping" is necessary until we can live by faith. "Now that the time for faith is here, the Law is no longer in charge of us" (v. 28, TEV).

**Unity in Christ Jesus (3:26-29).** Being "in the family" offers the security of being included, placing all family members on the same level, equally valued. Differences are present, but there are no artificial platforms to elevate one member over another. Gospel truth has a unifying effect — differences are present but not magnified. Those in the family, even if not identical twins, can live interdependently, all graciously adopted, "all one in union with Christ."

**From minor status to maturity (4:1-7).** The child who is one day entitled to an inheritance is classified as a minor while he is immature. Overseers help manage affairs until the time of inheritance or of accountability (vv. 1-2). In "salvation history" the era of law-keeping was in place until in the fullness of time God sent his Son that we might become sons (vv. 3-5). In "salvation experience" as well, we were slaves to "ruling spirits of the universe," which may be a reference to initial practices to aid one toward mature internal perspectives. With the coming of Christ and the new era of faith, human experience was able to move out from under servant status into sonship. Evidence of that new status is provided by God's Spirit at work in our hearts, enabling us to relate in cooperative faith relationship to Abba as Father. "So then you are no longer a slave but a son" (vv. 6-7, TEV).

Adopted into the family — accepted and not abandoned, treasured and not rejected, a new heritage, a new inheritance, a new security, new relationship, and a new lease on life! "And since you are his sons, God will give you all that he has for his sons" (4:7, TEV). Full status, full privileges — what an inheritance!

Bain is professor of biblical and related studies, Blue Mountain College.

## Bible Book The true Vine, branches



By Dan Howard  
John 15

On my secretary's desk is a beautiful plant with one flower. It will never be a productive plant because it has no source of life. It is an artificial plant. It is not a true plant. Jesus in these verses refers to himself as the true vine. As branches of the true vine we can be productive and have life only as long as we remain connected to the vine.

**The true Vine and the husbandman (vv. 1-3).** Jesus identifies himself as the true vine in contrast to Israel, the false vine. Israel had adopted the vine as the symbol of their nation. Jesus identifies God as the vinedresser. He is the one who owns the vineyard, plants the vine, and takes care of the vineyard. It is the responsibility of the vinedresser to take action to insure the fruitfulness of the vine. God will take away those who are not connected to the vine. There are many people who appear to be in Christ but just like Judas they are not connected to the vine. God will also prune or cleanse anything from our lives which hinders our productivity as true branches so that we may produce more fruit.

**The relationship of the branches to the Vine (vv. 4-11).** Jesus tells us the way to be productive Christians is to abide in him and for him to abide in us. The idea of abiding is that of continuing on in a fixed state of being on the vine. Without the nourishing, life giving flow from the vine, Jesus, we cannot bear the fruit of Christ.

Verse 6 reminds us of the fate of those who choose not to abide in Christ. They have wasted an opportunity to be productive for the kingdom of God and therefore will be cast into the fire. The end result of not abiding in Christ is eternal separation from him in hell.

Those who abide in Christ will have their prayers granted because they are so close to Jesus that they ask only things which are according to his will. As we abide in Christ we bring glory to the Father by bearing fruit for him and we also demonstrate that we are his followers.

Jesus encourages us to abide in his love. The way to abide in his love is to be obedient to his commandments. Christ's love is always there for us. It is up to us as to whether we continue in that love. Jesus walked in his Father's love by being an obedient son. The result of walking in his love is having his joy in our lives. His way is the way to joy.

**The command to love (vv. 12-13).** In our relationships with one another, we are commanded to love one another just as Jesus loved us. As we abide in his love we can love others in this way. Apart from him we cannot love like him. The greatest expression of love between two friends is that they are willing to give their all for each other. Jesus' example of love is a model for his church today.

**The call to service (vv. 14-16).** Jesus chose to call his followers friends rather than servants. Friends share things together just as Jesus shared with us the things of his Father. Friends also choose to be friends. Jesus has chosen each of us to be his friend but not all have chosen him. For those who do choose him as Savior he has a stated purpose. The purpose of every believer is to go and bear fruit. As believers we go into the world as ambassadors for Christ, bearing the fruit of our relationship with Jesus. Through the fulfillment of this purpose other people are drawn to Christ and begin to abide in him and produce fruit for him.

May we abide in the Vine (Jesus) and find life and fruitfulness.

Howard is pastor, Woodville Church, Woodville.

## Cross Over Orlando



## Life and Work Governed by Christ



By Billie Buckley  
Philippians 2

What is it that everybody always leaves? Do you give up? An impression. Wherever we go, whomever we meet, we are always leaving an impression. As Christians we should be leaving the impression that our lives are governed by the attitude of Christ.

I have some snapshots to show you today. We need to decide if the folks in these pictures look to Jesus for the inspiration that guides their thinking and action.

The first picture is "Mr. Untouchable." He really never smiles at you, starts a conversation, or even nods to others. The next picture is of "Mr. Strong Personality." His forcefulness and cleverness and enthusiasm overpower us to the point that we want to hide from him. The third picture is "Mr. Tough Guy." There is a hardness about him; a sharpness of his tongue; an obstinate note that sounds forth every time he opens his mouth. Finally, meet "Mr. Meek." Now, he only acts meek. He doesn't know that you can't imitate meekness. None of the above reflect the attitude of Christ.

In Philippians 2:5-11 we are shown pictures that are the opposite of those we have just seen. We are given a true picture of those who reflect a Christ-like attitude. They allow him to guide their thinking; to set aside self-interest; to be obedient as he was; and they exalt him.

**A Christ-like attitude allows him to guide our thinking (v. 5).** Paul pointed to Jesus as a guide to our thinking. This guidance is available to us as believers because of our fellowship with him.

If we are to model Jesus in our thinking, what is the key thought? Was it not the idea of humility? This seemed out of place in Philippi. Pride and self-importance were key words in describing the people to whom Paul was writing. It's also out of place in our society today where being No. 1 is the goal.

As Christians we have no option except to model Jesus in being humble. That is not self-loathing, but true humility is seeing yourself in relationship to God. When you see this clearly we must say with John the Baptist, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

**A Christ-like attitude sets aside self-interests (vv. 6-7).** What do we put in the place of our self-interests? We replace them with God-interests. We look at ourselves and our interests in relationship to God and his interests. We see if they match. If there is no match according to his Word, then we make those adjustments necessary to match with his plans.

Many today leave God out of their interests — good and bad. The government of a country may have good plans and motives to solve the problems of the world; but there should be a warning sounded here. Don't dismiss God and his interests and rely entirely on an institution void of God's wisdom and teachings.

**A Christ-like attitude is obedient (v. 8).** When you are obedient you know who is in charge. Christ had the perfect perspective on who was ultimately in charge of his life and who was controlling his circumstances.

This should be our attitude as we hope and dream and plan for the future. Every hope, every dream, every plan, if it is to be Christ-like, should be presented to God as a desire to be obedient to his plans for our life and his moving into the heart of others.

As we practice this obedience, we will not always feel that "life is fair." Yet, we can feel confident that a good God who sees the big picture of our lives knows how to use each circumstance to teach us obedience that leads to real joy.

**A Christ-like attitude exalts Jesus (vv. 9-11).** Why exalt Jesus? Because Jesus is the full disclosure of God; he is God's way of communication with his creation; our representation before God; the possessor of all truth; our incomparable Savior; our Lord and friend.

May his presence and attitude govern us today as we teach his words, live by them, and be obedient, even as he was humbly obedient to his father's purposes.

Buckley is a member of Petal-Harvey Church, Petal.

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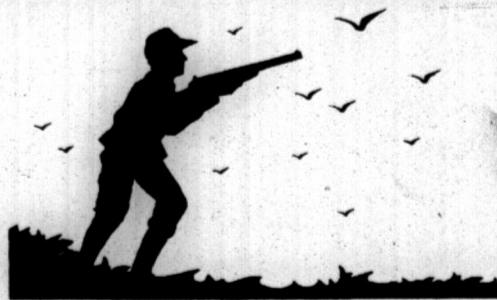
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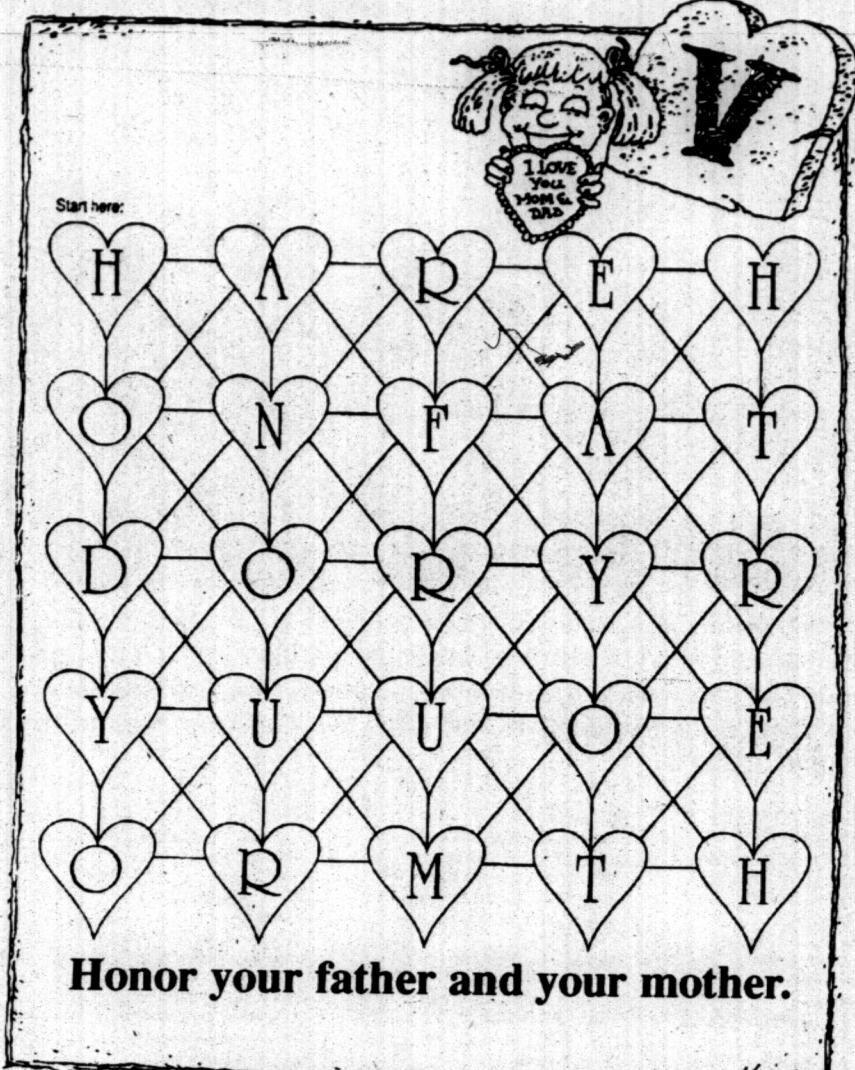
Bed Spread/Comforter	\$20.00
Sheets/Pillow Cases	15.00
Blanket	10.00
Bath Mats	10.00
Towels/Bath Cloths (per room)	20.00
Blinds	45.00
Curtains (valance only w/blinds)	
Can make or buy	

### Kitchen Needs (Call for List)

### Landscaping/Yard Work

### Carpentry/Maintenance





**Children who attend Sunflower Church, Sunflower, have adopted the mission project of buying 1,000 Bibles to send to Russia. Each Bible costs 50 cents. The children learned of the need for Bibles in Russia through their interim pastor Tom McLaughlin (pictured).**



**The Children's Choir of First Church, Soso, will present the musical "Amazing Grace" May 15 at First Church, Sharon, in Laurel. The 29-member choir presented the musical to their home church on April 24. Nancy Collins is director.**

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear Pen Pal Club:

My name is Kristin McClelland. I am 11 years old and in the fifth grade. My hobbies are skating, playing basketball, swimming, and talking on the phone with my friends. I am in Girl Scouts. I would like a boy or girl pen pal of any age and a picture if possible. My address is 2990 Craig Springs Rd., Sturgis, MS 39769.

Kristin McClelland

Dear Pen Pal Club:

Hi! My name is Elisha Cuevas. I am 11 years old and in the fifth grade. I attend Saucier Elementary School and Crane Creek Baptist Church. I enjoy playing baseball and basketball, cheerleading, writing, and reading. My favorite TV shows are "Ghost Writer," "Full House," and "Clarissa Explains It All." My favorite subjects are English and spelling. If you would like to write me, I will be sure to write you back. My address is 19407 K. Cuevas Rd., Saucier, MS 39574.

Elisha Cuevas

Dear Pen Pal Club:

My name is Renee Cuevas. I am 13 years old and in the 6th grade. My birthday is Dec. 9. I attend Crane Creek Baptist Church. My hobbies are talking on the phone, swimming, jumping on the trampoline, playing basketball, writing letters, and cheerleading. My favorite TV shows are "Full House," "Clarissa Explains It All," "Fifteen," and "Lip Service." My favorite subjects are math and history. If you would like to be my pen pal, write me, and if possible, send a picture. My address is 19407 K. Cuevas Rd., Saucier, MS 39574.

Renee Cuevas

Dear Pen Pal Club:

My name is Candace Seyfarth of Florence. I am 10 and in the fourth grade. I attend First Baptist Church of Richland. My hobbies are reading, writing stories, playing outside, and jumping on my trampoline. I would like a girl between the ages of 7 and 13 to write to me. If possible send a photo. Write to me at 281 Hope Circle, Florence, MS 39073.

Candace Seyfarth



### Pen Pal Club

Dear Pen Pal Club:

My name is Naomi Lynn Warden. I'm 13 years old. I'm in the 7th grade at South Forrest Attendance Center. My hobbies are riding bikes and horses, and receiving letters! I'm a Christian and attend Pineview Baptist Church. I would like a boy or girl between the ages of 12-14 to write me at: 80 App Slade Rd., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Please send photo.

Naomi Warden

Dear Pen Pal Club:

My name is Megan Murphy. I am 10 years old and in the 5th grade. My birthday is Aug. 7. I go to school at New Hope Elementary. I attend Fairview Baptist Church. My hobbies are singing, dancing, listening to the radio (I love country music), riding horses, playing all sports, and reading. I would really like a pen pal, boy or girl. Please write me at: 27 Blasingame Dr., Columbus, MS 39702.

Megan Murphy

Dear Pen Pal Club:

Hi! My name is Lynsey Pace. I am 13 years old. I like cheerleading, baseball, writing really long letters, dancing, singing, and hanging out with my friends. I'd like boys or girls to write me. My address is 20 Ratcliff Rd., Natchez, MS 39120.

Lynsey Pace

Dear Pen Pal Club:

Hi! My name is Janice Moody. My birthday was April 17 and I

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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Ephesians Two: Ten.